

Do You Want To Be Made Well?

As Jesus was in Jerusalem, He encounters a man who had an infirmity for thirty-eight years. This man was sitting by the pool of Bethesda waiting for an angel to stir up the water. When this occurred, the first one to enter the pool was healed of their sickness. This man was waiting by this pool to be healed (John 5:1-15).

When Jesus sees this man, He asked him a very interesting question. He asked, "Do you want to be made well?" (5:6). Why would Jesus ask such a question? Of course the man wanted to be healed! He had been waiting a long time to be healed. He wanted to be the first one in the water so that he could be healed. Even though He knew these things, Jesus asked him if he wanted to be made well.

Today, there is another disease in this world that is far worse than any sickness that we can imagine. It is the disease of sin. Sin has eternal consequences. Paul reminds us that "the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). The price for our sin is an eternal separation from the Father.

Every day, we are asked, "Do you want to be made well?" Do you want to be released from the bondage of sin? Do you want to remove the eternal consequences of your sins? "Do you want to be made well?"

The only way to be made well is through the blood of Christ. It is through His sacrifice that we are made whole again. It is only because of His love that we can have the eternal consequences of our sins removed. Today, if we want to be made well, we must turn to Christ.